

REMEMBERING MR. NELSON
DRAPER, SR.

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 2013

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Mr. Nelson Draper, Sr. of Barstow California who passed away on Sunday September 22, 2013.

After being recruited to join the U.S. Marine Corps in 1944, Draper joined the ranks of 420 others who used their native language to aid the United States military in World War II. At the age of 25, Draper left his home on the Navaho Indian Reservation in Chinle, Arizona to become a Navajo Code Talker. At the time of his passing, aged 93, Mr. Draper was the sole Code Talker veteran in San Bernardino County. The Navajo language was chosen as a secret weapon in the United States' war efforts because it was impossible for a non-Navajo speaker to learn and it had no written form. Before the use of Code Talkers, it would take military personnel up to two hours to encrypt and decipher secret codes. In 2001, Draper was recognized with one of the highest awards bestowed by this body, the Congressional Silver Medal. After his retirement from the Marine Corps, Mr. Draper and his wife moved to Barstow where he worked at the Marines Corps logistics base for more than thirty years.

Today, I join with the City of Barstow and the whole country in remembering a great Marine, citizen, and family man. My thoughts and prayers are with Draper's wife, Lena, their seven children, thirty-five grandchildren, and forty-nine great grandchildren.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE
AND LEGACY OF GLORIA JOHNSON

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sorrow that I mourn the passing of one of San Diego's greatest advocates for women's and LGBT equality, Gloria Johnson.

Gloria Johnson has moved on but her legacy as a San Diego champion of limitless equality will not be forgotten. Gloria has participated and organized civil rights and peace movements for more than 50 years. She has received many awards and honors that make evident her commitment to equality for all.

Gloria's commitment to humanity was not only apparent in her volunteerism, but also through her professional career as a social worker. While working for the County of San Diego, Gloria was one of the first in San Diego County to work with people diagnosed with HIV/AIDS in the AIDS Case Management Program.

After Gloria retired from her 30 years as a social worker with San Diego County, she was just getting started. Not only was Gloria committed to equality for women and LGBT issues, she was committed to working closely with elected officials on all levels to create the progress she so deeply sought.

Gloria was even more in life than the impressive list of her accomplishments on paper.

Having worked closely with her for decades, I remember her energy and her unforgettable smile. She was just so vibrant. Gloria was always there at big events in San Diego and small ones wearing stickers and buttons proclaiming loud and clear what she thought needed to happen. I can remember so many times pulling up in the parking lot for an event and seeing her tiny car covered in clever bumper stickers already there and knowing that Gloria would be there as always, early and enthusiastic. Gloria's positive vibe and commitment to justice year in and year out were simply contagious.

I'm glad she got to bear witness to so much progress in her lifetime. She was so proud of the women and gay and lesbian people in public office in San Diego and of all the milestones those two movements achieved in the past half century thanks to Gloria and those like her.

As we all remember Gloria's strong commitment to equality, let's commit to working hard for women and members of the LGBT community so we can ensure that Gloria's life work will not be in vain.

HONORING MR. EDGAR B. HATRICK
III

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 2013

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Mr. Edgar B. Hatrick III, who will be receiving a Loudoun Laurels Medal for his lifetime of civic leadership in the Loudoun County community.

Mr. Hatrick is receiving the award in the category of "Extraordinary Stewardship" on October 11th, 2013 at the River Creek Club in Leesburg, Virginia. The Loudoun Laurels Medal recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the common good in our region.

Mr. Hatrick has been a tireless advocate for quality public education in Loudoun County. His tenure with the Loudoun County Public School System began in 1967 as an English teacher at his alma mater, Loudoun County High School. He worked in a variety of roles within the Loudoun County Public School System, including chair of the English Department and Assistant Principal at Broad Run High; principal of Loudoun County High School, then director of special education, guidance supervisor, foreign language supervisor, director of instruction, and assistant superintendent for planning and pupil services. He has served as the superintendent of the Loudoun County Public School System since 1991.

I want to commend Mr. Hatrick for his work to make public education in Loudoun County a model for the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Nation.

UNITED NATIONS ARMS TRADE
TREATY

SPEECH OF

HON. MIKE KELLY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank my staff, especially Mr. Isaac Fong, for his dedication and hard work on the issue of the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty.

RECOGNIZING DR. LOURDES
FERRER

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 2013

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize Dr. Lourdes Ferrer, a nationally recognized scholar and researcher with an extraordinary life story.

Growing up in a disadvantaged family in Puerto Rico, Dr. Ferrer came to value the importance of education at an early age. She knew that the way for her to get out of the cycle of poverty was through education.

After completing her undergraduate degree in mathematics she moved to Guatemala, where she established schools, an orphanage, feeding centers and clinics. When she later moved to the United States to pursue the American dream, she overcame enormous financial, linguistic and cultural barriers and became a teacher. Despite all of these obstacles, she continuously prevailed and completed a doctoral degree in leadership and took a position to help schools implement improvement programs.

Today, she works as an academic consultant for numerous school districts throughout the state of Illinois and the nation, designing programs to increase the academic achievement of all students and close the academic achievement gaps between diverse student populations. Notably, she has also started a \$1,000 scholarship to help female Hispanic students who excel in mathematics, attend college and have the same opportunities that she had.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Ferrer for her remarkable dedication to helping our students and our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 2013

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, September 25, 2013, I missed the following votes: H.R. 1961, H. Res. 354. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."